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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS: LOCAL CAMPAIGN ENDS

REF: REYKJAVIK 0699

1. ALTHOUGH ALL PARTIES AGREE MAY 26 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL GIVE INDICATIONS OF VOTER PREFERENCES TO BE EXPECTED IN JUNE 30 NATIONAL ELECTIONS, FEW PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT MAY 26 OUTCOME. CAMPAIGN HAS FOCUSSED LARGELY ON LOCAL ISSUES ALTHOUGH BOTH PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE AND INDEPENDENCE PARTY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO INJECTSDEFENSE ISSUE, POSSIBLY TESTING THE WATER TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS VIABLE ISSUE FOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN. PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE STATEMENTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT THOSE PERSONS WHO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WANT DEFENSE FORCE TO LEAVE MUST FURTHER THEIR EFFORTS BY RESOUNDING

VOTE FOR PA ON MAY 26 WHILE IP HAS HEADLINED THAT 27,000 REYKJAVIK VOTERS SIGNED DEFENDED COUNTRY PETITION AND ONLY WAY TO ASSURE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE AGREEMENT IS THROUGH VOTES FOR IP.

2. CONFUSING NUMBER OF LEFT-WING PARTIES NOW ENTERED ON BALLOTS MAY DETRACT FROM IP SUPPORT SINCE SOME VOTERS WHO MIGHT HAVE VOTED FOR RIGHTIST PARTIES RATHER THAN COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PA NOW HAVE CHOICE ON LEFT OTHER THAN PA. ALSO OF ASSISTANCE TO LEFT WING WAS LAST WEEK'S MOVE BY GOVT TO INCREASE HEAVILY SUBSIDIES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND THUS REDUCE PRICES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS AND MEAT BY SOME 30 PERCENT. LEFTISTS WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM FACT THAT PRESENT GOVTP HAS BOUGHT ADDITIONAL STERN TRAWLERS AND DISTRIBUTED THEM IN PORTS AROUND COUNTRY THUS INCREASING PROSPERITY OF COASTAL FISHING VILLAGES EVEN THOUGH FISHING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN EVEN MORE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED FROM NATIONAL TREASURY.

3. WHILE IP IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ITS DOMINANCE IN REYKJAVIK AND THERE MAY BE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SMALLER TOWNS, SIZE OF VOTE WILL BE CLOSELY ANALYZED AS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN GETS INTO HIGH GEAR.

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